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REMARKS

1. Claims 32, 34, 36-38, 42, 43, 48 and 57 remain in this application. Claims 33, 35, 39, 40, 41, 44-47, 49-56 and 58 have been canceled. Claims 59-61 have been added.
2. Claims 32-34, 38-40, 44 and 48 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Bezwada et al. However, claims 35-37, 41-43, 45 and 47 were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The amendments to the claims, including the addition of new claims 59-61, incorporate the limitations required for allowability. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 32-34, 38-40, 44 and 48 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by, or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over Bezwada et al may now be withdrawn.
3. Claim 39 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Since claim 39 has been canceled, this rejection may now be withdrawn.
4. Since all formal requirements have been met, Applicant respectfully solicits a Notice of Allowance at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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